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THE MINUTES OF THE HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND TRADE

Tuesday, June 2, 2015

10:30 a.m.

Room 519 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Commerce and Trade was called to order by **Representative Joseph Graves**, Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Graves, Sheppard, Callton, Jenkins, Johnson, Rendon, Somerville, Hughes, Barrett, Garcia, Glenn, Leutheuser, Schor, Byrd, Garrett, Geiss, Love and Moss.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Townsend.

Representative Sheppard moved to adopt the minutes from the May 26, 2015, meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

HB 4422 was removed from today's agenda, per the request of Representative Schor.

Chair Graves laid HB 4637, HB 4638, HB 4639, HB 4640 and HB 4641 before the committee:

HB 4637	(Kelly)	Transportation; other; regulations for transportation network companies; establish.
HB 4638	(Nesbitt)	Transportation; limousines; transportation network companies; exempt from limousine transportation act.
HB 4639	(Iden)	Insurance; no-fault; personal protection insurance benefits; allow insurers to exclude transportation network company vehicles from automobile coverage.
HB 4640	(Barrett)	Insurance; no-fault; priority for personal protection insurance coverage for passengers in certain vehicles; add passengers riding in a transportation network company vehicle.
HB 4641	(Phelps)	Transportation; limousines; transportation network company drivers; exempt from obtaining a chauffeur's license and provide minimum levels of insurance coverage for vehicles used by transportation network company drivers.

TESTIMONY

Representative Nesbitt, sponsor of HB 4638, explained his bill and submitted handouts to the committee members.

Representative Kelly, sponsor of HB 4637, explained his bill to the committee.

Representative Iden, sponsor of HB 4639, explained his bill to the committee.

Representative Barrett, sponsor of HB 4640, explained his bill to the committee.

Representative Phelps, sponsor of HB 4641, explained his bill to the committee.

Questions and discussion followed.

Mike White, General Manager, representing UBER and **Curtis Scott**, Senior Insurance Counsel for UBER, testified in support of the bills.

Questions and discussion followed.

Matthew Oddy, Operations Manager, representing the Checker Cab Company and **Jeff Pardonet**, Senior Vice-President, representing Metro Cars, testified and submitted a handout in opposition to the bills.

Questions and discussion followed.

Troy Hagon, Legislative Liaison, and **Sharon Edgar**, Administrator for the Office of Passenger Transportation, representing the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), testified and submitted a handout indicating no position on the bills.

Due to time constraints the following people submitted a card and/or written testimony but did not speak:

Lucius Vassar, attorney, representing LYFT, supports the bills.

Robert Selig, President and CEO, representing the Capital Region Airport Authority, opposes HB 4637.

Brian Sadek from Governmental Consultant Services Inc. (GCSI), representing the Wayne County Airport Authority – DTW, opposes HB 4637.

Vince Misalquin and Kevin VanAmberg, UBER drivers, support the bills.

Christy Lendefeld and Felix Teichman, UBER riders, support the bills.

John LaMacchia, representing the Michigan Municipal League (MML), opposes HB 4637.

Tom Frazier, representing the Michigan Townships Association, opposes HB 4637.

Eric Musser, representing the Michigan Insurance Coalition, supports HB 4640.

The following people submitted a card and/or written testimony but did not wish to speak: Matt Salak, representing the Michigan Association of Airport Executives, opposes HB 4637. Peter Kuhnmuench, representing the Insurance Institute of Michigan, supports the bills. Bob Beutel, representing Allstar Transportation, opposes the bills.

Lindsay Case, representing the Detroit Regional Chamber, opposes the bills.

Marie Wicks, representing the Greater Lansing Taxi Authority, opposes HB 4637.

Bill Zaagman from Governmental Consultant Services Inc. (GSCI), representing Matt Oddy, opposes the bills.

William Gordon supports the bills.

George Carr, representing the Property Casualty Insurers Association of America (PCI), supports the bills.

David Richmond, representing the Michigan Secretary of State, indicated neutrality on HB 4637, HB 4638, HB 4639 and HB 4640.

David Richmond, representing the Michigan Secretary of State, opposes HB 4641.

Representative Schor moved to excuse Representative Townsend from the committee. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:04 p.m.

Representative Joseph Graves, Chair House Standing Committee on Commerce and Trade Malika Abdul-Basir Committee Clerk 517-373-7256 1 Hour and 34 Minutes